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TAGS: OREP (BELL, ALPHONZO)

SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF REP. ALPHONZO BELL

1. EMB NEEDS MORE INFORMATION ABOUT REP BELL'S INTEREST, BOTH IN ORDER TO ANSWER INQUIRIES AND TO ENSURE THAT MEETINGS SCHEDULED MEET HIS NEEDS. IS HE "INVESTIGATING INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES" IN CONNECTION WITH HIS LEGISLATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES, OR IN A PRIVATE CAPACITY? IN WHAT SECTOR OF THE ECONOMY IS HE INTERESTED?

2. AN APPOINTMENT WITH PRESIDENT GEISEL WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO ARRANGE SINCE HIS POLICY IS NOT TO RECEIVE INDIVIDUAL VISITING LEGISLATORS. WE ARE NOT OPTIMISTIC ABOUT AVAILABILITY OF MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, ALTHOUGH NATURE OF HIS INTEREST (OFFICIAL OR NON-OFFICIAL) MIGHT POSSIBLY HAVE SOME EFFECT ON THEIR DECISIONS. WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO ARRANGE SOME INTERESTING MEETINGS FOR HIM AT SOMEWHAT LOWER LEVELS.

3. AMB AND ECON COUNSELOR LOOK FORWARD TO RECEIVING REP BELL IN EMBASSY IF HE VISITS BRASILIA, AND AMB WOULD LIKE TO HAVE HIM AND HIS FAMILY TO LUNCH AT RESIDENCE.
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